

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12421–S12479

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1710–1717, S. Res. 239–242, and S. Con. Res. 72. **Pages S12448–49**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–162) **Page S12448**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Johnny Cash: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

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Commending the National Endowment for Democracy: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy. **Pages S12575–76**

Calling for Rebiya Kadeer's Release: Senate agreed to S. Res. 230, calling on the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer. **Pages S12575–76**

Commending Kenya: Senate agreed to S. Res. 231, commending the Government and people of Kenya. **Pages S12575–76**

Immigrant Investor Regional Center Pilot Program Extension: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1642, to extend the duration of the immigrant investor regional center pilot program for 5 additional years, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1827, to require the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on the immigrant investor program.

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Special Immigrant Worker Program Extension: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12477**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan: Senate continued consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12424–33**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund. **Page S12424**

Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq. **Page S12424**

Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1823, to provide emergency relief for veterans healthcare, school construction, healthcare and transportation needs in the United States, and to create 95,000 new jobs. **Pages S12424–25**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S12425–27**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1826, to require that Iraqi oil revenues be used to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. **Pages S12427–33**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 2003. **Page S12478**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports

during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Signing Authority Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment period of the Senate, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

John Francis Bardelli, of Connecticut, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

C. Suzanne Mencer, of Colorado, to be the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Penrose C. Albright, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2006. (Reappointment)

Robert B. Charles, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

David L. Lyon, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati.

H. Douglas Barclay, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador.

William Cabaniss, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Roderick R. Paige, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Paul S. DeGregorio, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years. (New Position)

Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years. (New Position)

Raymundo Martinez III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years. (New Position)

Deforest B. Soaries, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years. (New Position)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and in accordance with the provisions of S. Con. Res. 71, adjourned at 2:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12478.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the interim report on

Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs from David Kay, Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3249, was introduced. **Page H9218**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9218**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9217**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY READINESS IN CAPITAL REGION—POST-HURRICANE REASSESSMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "What if Isabel Met Tractor Man? A Post-Hurricane Reassessment of Emergency Readiness in the Capital Region." Testimony was heard from Eric Tolbert, Director, Response Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the State of Virginia: John Marshall, Secretary of Public Safety; and Charlie C. Crowder, Jr., General Manager, Fairfax County Water Authority; Dennis R. Schrader, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of Maryland; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peter G. LaPorte, Director, Emergency Management Agency; and Jerry N. Johnson, General Manager, Water and Sewer Authority; Richard White, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; William J. Sim, President, Pepco; Jay Johnson, President and CEO of Dominion Delivery, Dominion Virginia Power; and Leslie A. Violette, Treasurer, Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association Community.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 6 through October 11, 2003

Senate Chamber

Senate will be in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2003.

Senate Committees

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 7, hearing entitled "Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Commodity Distribution to Federal Child Nutrition Programs," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 9, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1943, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing the Medicaid Program in the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 8, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3183, Depository Services Efficiency and Cost Reduction Act; and H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 7, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Emerging Threats: Assessing DOD Control of Surplus Chemical and Biological Equipment and Material," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 8, full Committee, hearing on "Winning the Peace: Coalition Efforts to Restore Iraq," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "25th Anniversary of the Inspectors General Act—Where Do We Go From Here?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.